CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claim 3, amend Claim 1, and add new Claim 13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image reading apparatus comprising:

an original placement portion on which an original is to be placed;

an optical unit configured to move relative to the original placement portion; and

a guide member that guides movement of the optical unit;

wherein said optical unit includes a unit frame configured to hold an optical element, and includes a sliding member that contacts with the guide member,

said sliding member has a screw portion and a sliding portion that slides in contact with the guide member,

said unit frame is formed with a screw hole in which said screw portion of said sliding member is mounted,

a position of the unit frame relative to the guide member is adjusted by the rotating the sliding member, [[and]]

the screw portion ~~of the sliding member~~ has a plurality of projecting portions along a circumference thereof, and the projecting portions are provided in an area other than a tip end area of the screw portion, and

at least said projecting portions of the screw portion ~~being~~ are plastically deformable and screwed into the screw hole while being plastically deformed.

2. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein play between the screw portion and the screw hole is substantially eliminated by plastic deformation of said screw portion.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said sliding member has an engagement portion to which a rotating tool is to engage.

6. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said screw portion is made of a resin material.

7. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a sliding portion and the screw portion of said sliding member are an integrally molded resin part.

8. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of said sliding members are provided at respective end portions of said optical unit with respect to a direction orthogonal to a moving direction of the optical member respectively.

9. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said plastically deformable screw portion is provided over such a length that enables adjustment of a position of the optical unit by adjusting an engagement position of the screw portion and the screw hole.

10. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising an illuminating unit configured to illuminate the original on the original placement portion,

wherein the optical element is a mirror configured to reflect a reflection light from the original that is illuminated with the illuminating unit.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) An image reading apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said screw portion is provided on a circumference surface of said sliding member, and said sliding portion is provided on a tip end of said sliding member.

13. (New) An image reading apparatus comprising:

an original illumination member;

a reflection system configured to reflect light from the original;

a scanning member configured to move said reflection system;

a scanning surface configured to be scanned by said scanning member; and

a plurality of sliding members provided at said scanning member and in contact with scanning surface;

wherein at least one of said sliding members has a screw portion and a sliding portion that slides in contact with the scanning surface;

the screw portion has a plurality of projecting portions along a circumference thereof, and the projecting portions are provided in an area other than a tip end area of the screw portion, and at least said projecting portions of the screw portion are plastically deformable,

said scanning member has a screw hole in which said screw portion of said sliding member is mounted, and

said projecting portions and said screw hole engage each other in an interference fit in the axial direction of the screw portion.